

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1 and 6-11 are amended and new Claims 12-16 are added by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1 and 6-11 and new Claims 12-16 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 11 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-10 were allowed.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of Claims 1-10.

Claims 1 and 6-11 are amended to correct informalities.

With regard to the rejection of Claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. §101, Claim 11 is amended to recite "a computer readable medium," which is article of manufacture. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 11 is in compliance with all requirements under 35 U.S.C. §101.

New Claims 12-16 are supported at least by original Claims 1-5. New Claims 12-16 recite similar subject matter to original Claims 1-5 without invoking 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph. As Claims 1-5 are allowed, new Claims 12-16 are also believed to be allowable.

Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

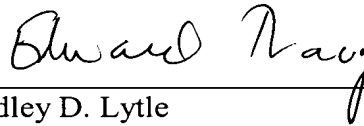
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